

MEETING MINUTES CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes of: Special Meeting of the Milpitas City Council
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: Meeting held via teleconference
Milpitas, CA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tran called the special meeting to order at 5:01 PM. City Clerk called the roll. The meeting took place via teleconference and webinar.

PRESENT: Mayor Tran, Vice Mayor Nuñez, Councilmembers Dominguez, Montano and Phan

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE

Mayor Tran led the pledge of allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION

City Council went to Item No. 1 Closed Session regarding potential litigation.

ANNOUNCEMENT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Chris Diaz stated the City Council would re-agendize item no.11 from May 5, 2020 Regular City Council meeting and read aloud this statement:

“The City Council has unanimously agreed to re-agendize Item 11 from the May 5th City Council meeting regarding the sales tax measure, including the cannabis sales tax, for a special meeting to be held this Friday, May 15th. Although the City takes Brown Act compliance seriously, and does believe it has complied with the law, because of the confusion created at the last City Council meeting and a strong desire from the City Council to hear from the public and ensure full public transparency, the City Council has directed staff to re-agendize the item exactly as it was to be presented at the May 5th City Council meeting. On behalf of the City and City Council, I wanted to thank the public for expressing their concerns. We take those concerns seriously. We look forward to hearing from you when this item returns. Thank you.”

Mr. Diaz said he would depart this meeting, and attorney Martin de los Angeles from his law firm BB&K would fill in as City Attorney for the remainder of the Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. de los Angeles asked Councilmembers if they had any personal conflicts of interest or reportable campaign contributions. By roll call, none were reported.

PUBLIC FORUM

City Clerk Mary Lavelle read aloud written comments submitted by residents Tom Valore, Jackie Romero and Voltaire Montemayor.

Vice Mayor Nuñez asked staff to reach out to the Milpitas Parents Coalition about concerns with difficulty submitting comments during past City Council meetings.

DISCUSSION

2. FY 2020-21 Budget Study Session

City Manager Steve McHarris provided opening remarks on the economic outlook in the face of the coronavirus and the current shelter-in-place scenario.

Finance Director Walter Rossmann reviewed the budget topic, including more data provided on the economic outlook, and efforts made online for community outreach.

Vice Mayor Nuñez asked for a study to support proposed reclassification of positions requested in the Milpitas Police Department.

Mr. Rossmann continued with Fiscal Policies and Budget Guidelines recommended for the new budget year, detailing General Fund Budget surplus allocation and Unanticipated Expenditure Reserve. The calendar of required actions for budget adoption was reviewed.

The Mayor and Councilmembers commented on the proposed FY 2020-21 budget.

City Clerk read aloud public comments from two residents, Jackie Romero and Voltaire Montemayor.

Mr. McHarris said staff would bring back the final version of the proposed budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for adoption on June 2 following the public hearing.

3. Amphitheater proposals

Recreation Director Renee Lorentzen presented various options related to a possible performing arts facility, following a study that was discussed with City Council on April 14. Three vacant parcels on Main Street were identified as sites to be considered (acquired) for outdoor amphitheater.

Mayor Tran commented, stating the City Council would need to be patient with this proposed future project and that the project should be included in year 5 of the proposed five-year CIP.

Councilmember Montano requested the City pursue the purchase of the land parcel adjacent to the Milpitas Library on N. Main Street, in order to prepare to have an amphitheater in the future.

Motion: per staff recommendation, proceed to explore site options and possible land acquisition analysis; evaluate financing and funding options; and assign the project into Capital Improvement Program (CIP) priorities, related to a performing arts facility or amphitheater

Motion/Second:

Vice Mayor Nuñez/Councilmember Dominguez

Motion carried by a vote of:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tran adjourned the special meeting at 8:19 PM.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Milpitas City Council on June 2, 2020.

Mary Lavelle, City Clerk